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REHABILITATE NORTHEAST CHEMICAL PLANTS

LU-SHUN--TA-LIEN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TAKES OVER CHEMICAL PLANTS -- Lu-ta
Hsing-cheng Kung-shu Kung-pao, 11 Jul 49

The following notice was issued by the Lu-shun-Ta-lien Administrative Office on 11 July 1949:

On 1 July 1949, a take-over committee was formed jointly by the Office of Industry of the Administrative Office and the Chung-hua Pharmaceutical Company to take control of the factories formerly belonging to the Chung-hua company. These include the Ta-shen Chemical Works, San-san Factory, Glass Factory, Li-ming Factory and Shuang-tung Factory. The factories will be under the direct supervision of the committee and will be treated by concerned departments of the Office of Industry in the same fashion as other factories under committee control.

Hsu T'ing-hsiang (Ueda: 3141, 3804, 6364) has been appointed committee chairman and Wang Chien (7262, 421), deputy chairman.

COPPER SULFATE FACTORY IN OPERATION -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 21 Aug 49

Shen-yang -- The copper sulfate section of the Su-chia-t'un Agricultural Chemicals Factory, operated directly by the Northeast Executive Committee, has been rehabilitated and is now in production. Under the KMT regime this was a large enterprise with three sections producing brass, copper sulfate, and lead arsenate, as well as other insecticides for use in the Northeast. The copper sulfate plant was badly damaged at the time of the KMT retreat. But the crystallization vats, filters, etc., have been restored.

Lacking a lead lining for the vats, one of our workers devised a very satisfactory substitute lining consisting of sheets of porcelain insulating material which were on hand. Thus the cost of 5 tons of aluminum foil was saved. Up to the end of July 1949, this factory had produced 10 tons of copper

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sulfate. The Agricultural Supplies Section of the Ministry of Agriculture marketed the product. This factory can supply not only the copper sulfate for agricultural needs, but also amounts needed for drugs, electroplating, and leather tanning.

SULFURIC ACID PLANT AT HU-LU-TAO -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 7 Aug 49

After several months of repair work, the Hu-lu-tao Sulfuric Acid Plant has now begun to produce 50 tons per day. It ranks fourth among such plants in the Northeast; the others are at An-shan, Fu-shun, and Ta-lien.

Power is obtained from Pei-p'iao. The workers number 270, and at first, the work shifts were fixed at 12 hours per day. However, on the first day of operation three men were injured. A meeting was called to consider the matter and it was generally agreed that the accidents resulted from fatigue due to long hours of work, and also from carelessness. It was decided to improve the lighting, and take added precautions. The management brought in some miners to augment the force. Now the workers have 8-hour shifts.

BUREAU SHOP MAKES DELICATE BALANCE -- Jen-min Jih-pao, 19 Aug 49

Ta-lien -- Two staff members of the work shop of the Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, after overcoming many serious difficulties, have succeeded in constructing, according to the sample pattern, a chemical balance capable of registering a difference in weight of one one-thousandth of a gram. This balance is said to be superior to those imported. According to plans, a number of these balances will be produced for the use in scientific and technical laboratories.

STANDARDIZATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES -- Jen-min Jih-pao, 19 Aug 49

Ta-lien -- The Lu-shun and Ta-lien Bureau of Standard Weights and Measures, after more than 5 months of hard work on the part of its staff, have finished the task of inaugurating a standard system of weights and measures in Lu Hsien and Lien Hsien. In Lien Hsien, 20,252 pieces of old peck, quart, and foot measures, and heavy and light balances were withdrawn from use. Also, 2,542 pieces of measures and balances were altered to new standards. In Lu Hsien, 26,476 pieces were withdrawn from use; 1,888 were altered. The staff is now planning to extend its work to other localities.

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